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## The CASE of the poor PAPER-MAKERS and PRINTERS, farther stated.

**I**N the Proposals for laying a Duty on *Pamphlets, News-Papers, &c.* there appear so many Things ruinous to Trade, and Destructive to Thousands of poor Families, that the poor Manufacturers cannot but humbly lay their Case before this *Honourable House*.

Were the Tax so moderated, that the Trade of Printing could have paid it, and not have been entirely sunk and lost, they would have forborn giving the House any Trouble; but as it intirely takes away their Trades, and turns them a begging, who have been bred up to this Manufacture as a Lawful and Honest Employment: This they hope will move this *Honourable House* in their Behalf: They humbly acknowledge the Justice of the *House*, in Granting an Exception for Books of *Devotion* and *Religion*, but they also suggest, That even that Exception, seems to allow, as is most certainly true, That the said Duties would otherwise entirely suppress such small Tracts, and that they could not pay the same, since had those small Tracts been able to pay it, the House would, as they suppose, rather have lessen'd than quite taken away the said Tax.

Yet the Relief this will be to the Trade is so small, that it cannot prevent the Ruin of the Manufacturers, because the News-Papers and other Small Tracts making so large a Consumption of our *English Papers*, and the hazard of Sale so great when printed, 'tis not possible the Proprietor should support them, even under the smallest Duty.

The Clause for a Draw-back of the Duty on PAPER, used in printing Books at the *Two Universities*, in the **L A T I N, G R E E K, O R I E N T A L, or N O R T H E R N L A N G U A G E S**, though it seems a Favour to the said *Universities*, They humbly represent, appears only gratifying and encouraging one particular *Man*, who having the Press at *O X F O R D* in his Hands, the *Queen's Printing-House* at *London*, the Pattent for printing *Bibles, &c.* in *England*, and being now by a new Grant made Her Majesty's Printer in *Scotland*, is making a Monopoly of the greatest and best Part of the *Printing Trade* in *Britain*, and by which He will soon be able, not only to ruin the rest of the **PRINTERS**, but to impose upon the poor People what Rates he pleases, for *Bibles, Common-Prayers, and School-Books, &c.* over the whole Nation.

It is humbly represented, That the Restraint put by this Tax upon small *Advertisement-Papers*, Notices for Publick Sales of Goods, of Publick Meetings of Trade, Catalogues, and Accounts of Goods for Sale, and Multitudes of such Papers: As also Cases stated to the *Honourable Houses of Parliament*, and Causes in Law before the Courts of Justice in *North-Britain*: All which are given away, at the Expence of the Persons concerned, and will be intirely prohibited and restrained, so that Trade will suffer unspeakable Damage by such a Prohibition, the People of *Britain* will be effectually hindred in their Applications to Parliament, and from laying their Cases and Grievances before the *House*.

These Things joyn'd to the Impossibility of carrying on, either the Manufactures of *Paper* or *Printing*, under the said Duty, as it respects the small Works aforesaid, 'tis humbly hop'd, may move this *Honourable House*, not to destroy so many Thousand Families as are supported thereby, for the sake of raising an inconsiderable Payment to the Government.

*All which is humbly submitted to this Honourable House.*

# THE CASE OF THE POOR PAPER-MAKER

IN THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS  
OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT, NEW YORK CITY.

WE THE PLAINTIFFS, JOHN AND JAMES BROWN, DOUBTLESS, OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, AND THE DEFENDANT, THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT, NEW YORK CITY, COME into this Court to sue for damages, and to recover from the defendant, the sum of one thousand dollars, and costs, and attorney's fees, and expenses, and interest, and all other expenses and damages, which we have suffered by reason of the acts and omissions of the defendant, and to recover such other relief as may be just and proper.

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